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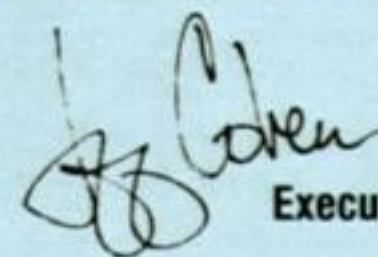


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Editor's Note

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it," my mother uttered years ago standing over my dismantled Volkswagen. "But Mom," I protested, "I want to make it faster and more maneuverable." And, to her chagrin, my rebuilt '61 Bug kicked butt. This all came back to me as we set off to diddle with what many have called our already near perfect Book of Lingerie. But we've souped it up with more of your letters, behind-the-scenes coverage and a turbo-charged news page to scream into the new year. Along with these features we're throwing in a free test drive of our hot new Web site (details on page 96). Let us know how she handles.



Executive Editor



Uncovered...

We received hundreds of letters, thousands of e-mails and more than 75,000 votes via Playboy.com to select the 20 Supermodels in this Book of Lingerie. And, as we've done since 1997, we selected a lucky fan to join us on set for the cover shoot. When we reached in and pulled out a ballot, the winner was Richard Ramey, a 26-year-old Army medic stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas. Richard flew to Chicago for an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the making of the Book of Lingerie's Jan/Feb 2000 Supermodels' cover. After the shoot was over and Richard's heartrate had slowed back down to normal, we asked him about the wild ride.

What happened when you heard you'd won? I had a phone message when I came in from the field after a weeklong exercise with artillery. When I heard it I thought it was a joke. Then I thought, I better follow up on this right now. When I called the number it was Playboy, and I knew it was no joke. I was shocked because I didn't think I had even the slightest chance to win. How did Fort Riley react? No one believed me, period. I had to ask my first sergeant for permission to go, and when I told him, he said, "Tell me what you really want the pass for." I said, "I'm serious." He still didn't believe me and I had to show him the certified letter from Playboy. Then he asked, "You're single, right?" And I said yes. He said, "You're asking my permission? If I were you I'd be going with my permission or not." Tell us about the shoot. It was better than I expected. It was much more friendly. I thought it would be more stuffy and serious. That was definitely nice. How did the girls treat you? Alley was awesome. She's one reason I keep getting the Book of Lingerie over and over. She's such a big star in the Book of Lingerie, and I thought she was going to be a little stand-offish. But she wasn't at all. We got along great, and when I walked her back to her hotel she was really down-to-earth. What was it like hanging out with these women? I had to take deep breaths. Your only images come from the magazine, but the girls look much better in person. It's amazing. Was there a best moment? Probably when Alley gave me a little kiss during the photo shoot. That was quite a surprise. They'll probably have to touch that photo up because of the red coloration in my face. What question do the soldiers always ask? They want to know what the girls are like. I tell them that they look better in person and that they're really down-to-earth. They're just like everybody else, only a whole lot better-looking. Has winning changed your life? It's just one of those moments that remind you that dreams do come true.



Richard Ramey surrounded by his posse—(clockwise from top right) Julia, Katalina, Amy, Kelly, Joy, and Alley.



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Joy Behrman

Who has rocked the world the most? *Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton.*

What man and woman influenced you the most? *My sister, who gave me strength, courage, stamina and helped me believe in myself, and my father, for his understanding of who I am and what I turned out to be.*

What news event most affected you? *Hurricane Andrew, because I was in Florida at the time and it was really devastating.*

What personal event most affected you? *My success in Playboy. It was so cool when I saw myself for the first time*

in Sexy Girls Next Door.

Best lover? *An older man I*

know who really knows how to treat a woman and

what a woman wants.

Favorite travel destina-

tion? Aruba, because it's beautiful, earthy

and natural.

Your worst car? *A*

Buick Skylark. It was so

terrible. I called

it the Sky Chicken. Car you'd love to have? Mercedes CLK 430. Favorite movie? The Graduate. When did you first see PLAYBOY and what did you think? Like everyone else, when I was little I found my dad's PLAYBOYS on the top shelf of his closet. I was not supposed to see them, but I thought the women were beautiful and I wanted to be one of them someday.





















Alesha Oreskovich

Who has rocked the world the most? *Bill Gates and Princess Di.* **What personal event most affected you?** *Although many events have had an impact on me, posing for PLAYBOY definitely stands out as the one that has most affected me. I suddenly became aware of what it was like to have such global recognition. And becoming a Playmate allowed me to travel extensively and meet many new and fascinating friends.* **What news event most affected you?** *Princess Di's death had a great impact on me because it was such a tragic and innocent death. It was so tragic because it was basically the result of her fame.* **Your best lover?** *The one who helped me learn how to really enjoy sex. (You know who you are.)* **Best teacher?** *My fifth grade teacher, Miss Campbell. She was a big inspiration to me.* **Best athletic accomplishment?** *In high school I was a member of an award-winning cheerleading squad three years in a row.* **Favorite vacation spot?** *Of all the places I've been, I love Hawaii the most.* **Greatest personal accomplishment?** *Making a career out of modeling.* **Favorite TV show?** *I don't watch a lot of TV, but I love Friends.* **Favorite book?** *I'm an English major, so there is no way I could name one favorite book.* **When did you first see PLAYBOY and what did you think?** *I was probably in my early teens when I first saw it. I remember thinking how beautiful the models and the Centerfold were. I immediately knew that someday I would like to pose for the magazine if I could.*











Sung Hi Lee

What personal event most affected you? *It was when I was 18 and my grandmother passed away. She raised me and was the most giving and caring figure in my life. When she died, I wondered why I had never showed her how much she meant to me. So now I try to be everything that she was—caring, hardworking and kind.* **Best personal accomplishment?** *Probably the fact that I left college to pursue my dreams as an actor. It was a hard decision because I had a full scholarship at Ohio State and had only two semesters left to finish my degree.* **Favorite vacation spot?** *I love Bora Bora. I got to stay there in this beautiful hut right on the water with my own dock. I snorkeled right there and saw the most beautiful sunsets.* **Favorite book?** *Pride and Prejudice.* **Favorite movies?** *Braveheart and Life Is Beautiful.* **Favorite bands?** *I love Garbage and almost anything from the 1980s. I grew up on Duran Duran and Madonna. I wanted to be Mrs. John Taylor!* **Favorite TV show?** *I love boxing, so my favorite show has to be Boxing After Dark on HBO.* **When did you first see PLAYBOY and what did you think?** *I saw my first PLAYBOY when I was in college, which is pretty late compared with most. I just thought all of the women were so beautiful! Flawless skin, perfect bodies, beautiful hair and makeup.... Everyone was perfect in their own way! So when Playboy asked to shoot me only about a year later, I was really honored. It's amazing to me, but now I've been on four Newsstand Specials covers, including the recent Nudes issue. It has been an incredible ride.*











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Victoria Zdrok

Who has rocked the world the most? Mikhail Gorbachev because he changed geopolitical maps, and Camille Paglia because she made us reconsider our gender-related convictions. **What man and woman influenced you the most?** My uncle Petro Syngaevski, who was a renowned Ukrainian poet. He instilled in me a love of poetry, aesthetic vision and courage to dream. The woman would be my maternal grandmother, who was a woman of incredible will, resilience and stamina. **What news event most affected you?** JFK Jr.'s death. He was the only celebrity crush I have ever had. While attending law school in Pennsylvania I frequently dreamed of moving to New York and meeting him in a courtroom one day. Our eyes would meet and the rest would be tabloid history. **Greatest personal accomplishments?** Graduating from college at 18 summa cum laude, receiving my master's in psychology then my law degree, passing the New York and New Jersey bar exams on the first try and currently completing my Ph.D. in clinical psychology. **When did you first see PLAYBOY and what did you think?** When I was 15, back in the USSR, I began to date an exchange student from Australia. In his dorm he had several PLAYBOY Centerfolds hanging on the wall. When he saw me admire the Playmates' photos, he said, "Beautiful, aren't they? Don't stare at them, you can never look as good." I hope he is staring at my photos right now! **Web site?** My site is www.PlanetVictoria.com. When you stumble upon it, you find solace, comfort and support of your innermost desires. My site has been voted the best Playmate site on the Net.















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Alley Baggett

Who has rocked the world the most? *Bill Gates and Madonna.* **What man and woman influenced you the most?** *God has influenced me most, but I don't know if God is male or female.* **What news event most affected you?** *The Oklahoma City bombing was awful. I hate it when children get hurt.* **What personal event most affected you?** *Finding a spiritual partner. True happiness only comes from God and finding the magic in yourself.* **Best lover?** *This guy who made me melt by just looking at him. He was a great kisser and I loved the way he grabbed me.* **Worst teacher?** *My high school drill team teacher. She was a real ball-breaker.* **Worst car?** *I called it the Blue Bomber. I don't even know what it was. It was old and it was a pain.* **Favorite TV show?** *The Real World. I love MTV!* **When did you first see PLAYBOY and what did you think?** *When I was growing up I was visiting friends and I saw the magazine in the bathroom. I thought the women were so beautiful, but I never thought it would happen to me.* **Web site?** *www.alleybaggett.net*











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Genevieve Michelle

Who has rocked the world the most? Bill Gates and Princess Diana. **What personal event most affected you?** A good friend of mine took his life when I was 15. It was a tragic wake-up call telling me that life is so short that we must love and respect ourselves. **What news event most affected you?** Definitely the Columbine shooting. People need to wake up and listen to their children and stop pumping them full of these terrible drugs that psychiatrists prescribe. We need to get to the root of their problems, not suppress the symptoms. **Greatest athletic accomplishment?** I did gymnastics for six years, taking major risks every day. **Greatest personal accomplishment?** I teach and take care of young children. I worked with many special-needs' kids and watching them learn, teaching them to grow, is the greatest thing ever. **Best car you owned?** My first, a Chevy Cavalier hatchback. It got me everywhere. **Worst car?** The one I have now, a '94 Mazda MX6. It's a complete lemon. I've never had so much trouble with a car. **Favorite movie?** Lady and the Tramp. **Favorite performer?** Garth Brooks. **Favorite TV show?** Sex and the City. **When did you first see PLAYBOY and what did you think?** I was about 11 and thought, Wow! I wonder if my boobs will ever get that big!











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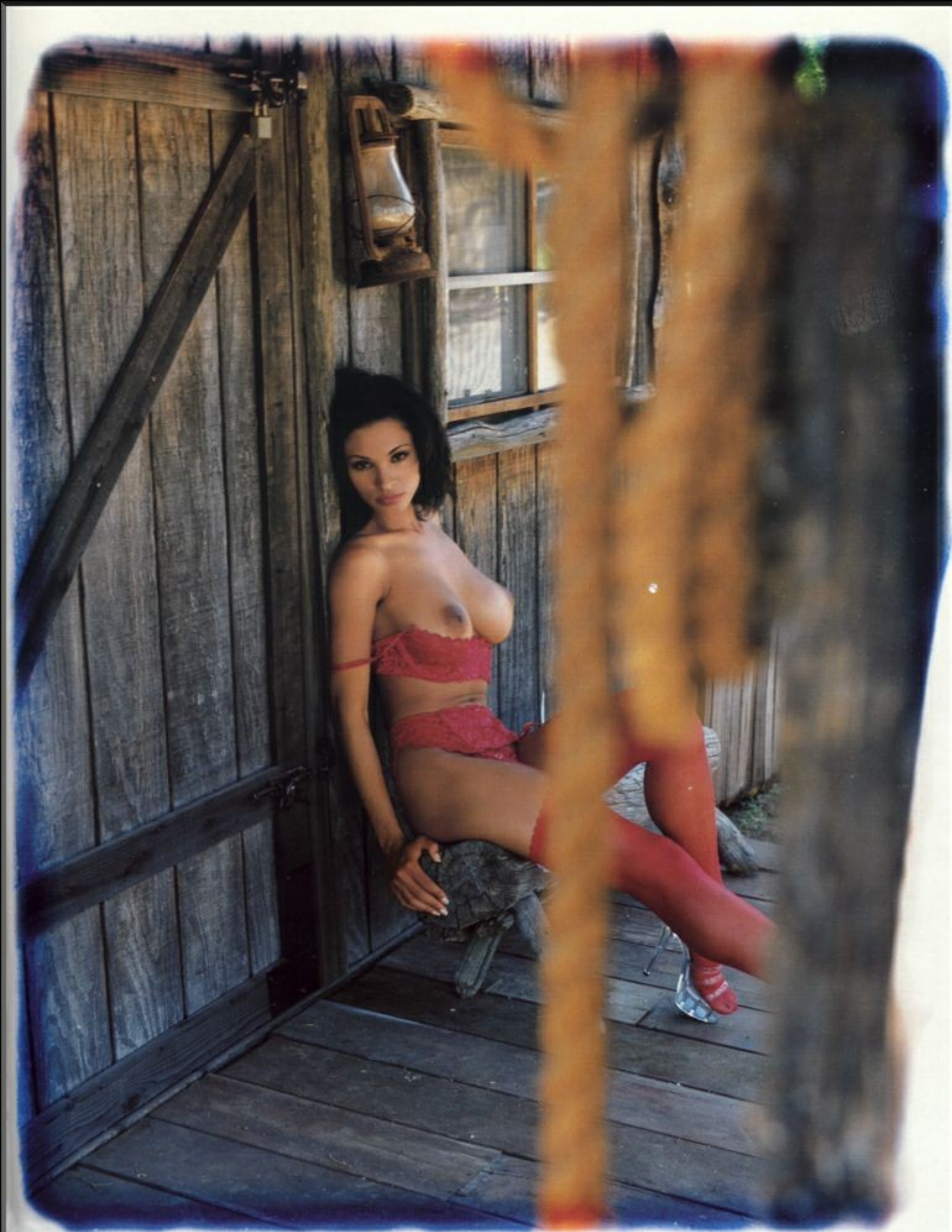
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Karin Taylor

Who has rocked the world the most? *Bill Gates, for creating a revolutionary communications tool, and Monica Lewinsky, for bringing such attention to the First Tool!* **What news event most affected you?** *Definitely the Columbine shooting. I mentor a program for kids to help them conquer fear. When something as awful as Columbine happens we're all helpless. Kids lose their innocence and sense of security.*

Greatest personal accomplishment? *Being chosen a Playmate and a Readers' Choice model. The Book of Lingerie selection is really a special honor because it's made by the readers themselves.* **Favorite book?** *One True Thing.* **Favorite performer?** *Meryl Streep.* **Favorite TV show?** *Sex and the City.*

When did you first see PLAYBOY and what did you think? *I think I saw it for the first time when I was 12 or 13. I was struck by how beautiful the women were. At that awkward age you can't imagine life without zits or bad hair days, much less such perfection. But it was a dream, and I made it!*







Elisa Bridges

Who has rocked the world the most? *Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton.* **What man and woman influenced you the most?** *There's really no way I could pick just one man and one woman. My life is always changing and important new people are always coming into it. I love my parents, but there are a lot of people who have had a big impact on me.* **Biggest athletic feat?** *I love water sports, and learning how to slalom ski as a kid was great.* **Biggest personal accomplishment?** *In my mind, I have yet to achieve it. That's still to come.* **Favorite travel destination?** *I love the Caribbean, but Hawaii is the best for me.* **Car you'd love to own?** *I like trucks, so it would be cool to have something like a big Ford Explorer or a Chevy Tahoe.* **Worst car you've owned?** *In college I had a Nissan Pulsar. It was like driving a plastic car. It was crappy.* **Favorite book?** *I read all kinds of books, but I really enjoyed *The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success* by Deepak Chopra and Tolstoy's *War and Peace*.* **Favorite movie?** *Of the films I've seen recently, I just loved *American Beauty*.* **When did you first see PLAYBOY and what did you think?** *My dad used to stash his PLAYBOYS behind the toilet. I was probably about 11 when I saw one for the first time. I thought that the women were beautiful, but honestly I never thought that I was going to be one of them. But I sure liked looking.*









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Amy Miller



Who has rocked the world the most? Bill Clinton and Pam Anderson. **What man and woman influenced you the most?** My father, who put me through college, and my high school best friend. Her family was great to me. **What news event most affected you?** The O.J. verdict. I'm always amazed at what things people can do and how important money is in the legal system. **What personal event most affected you?** I went to a model search last year, which led to my posing for Playboy. I believe in destiny, and that everything happens for a reason. **Best lover?** This one-night stand I had just after college. It was bad, wild fun. **Best teacher?** My design teacher from college, who was really inspiring and encouraging. **Best athletic accomplishment?** Playing softball in college. It was definitely fun. **Worst car you've owned?** A red Jeep Cherokee. It was a real lemon. **Favorite TV show?** Friends. **When did you first see PLAYBOY and what did you think?** I remember when I was six or seven I found my dad's copies in the basement. I thought the women were so beautiful, and I was totally fascinated. To me they looked like beautiful works of art.















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Julia Brox

Who has rocked the world the most? Bill Gates and Hillary Clinton. **What man and woman influenced you the most?** My parents. They were very strict and they made me want to be more open-minded. **What news event most affected you?** The Gulf war, because it scared the shit out of me. **What personal event most affected you?** Being asked to be a godmother. It was a real turning point to know that someone was looking up to me. **Your worst lover?** This guy who kept his eyes closed. It was terrible and selfish. He could have jerked off and I would have gotten the same thing out of it. **Biggest athletic feat?** Learning how to stand on my two feet. I'm bad at everything. **Best personal accomplishment?** Getting my first acting role in a film. Doing a scene and knowing I couldn't have done it better is a great feeling. **Favorite vacation spot?** New York City. The energy on the street is amazing. **Worst car you've owned?** A Geo Metro. It felt like driving a cereal box. I didn't feel safe.

Favorite book?

Chronicles of Narnia or

Don't Sweat the Small Stuff. **Favorite**

movie? Definitely Boogie Nights. **When did you**

first see PLAYBOY and what did you think? When I was three or four. I associated the Bunny with beautiful women. Mom said it was a bad bunny, but I wanted to be a part of that bad bunny.







Patricia Ford

Who has rocked the world the most? *Princess Diana. She had a great heart and showed so much love for everyone.* **What man and woman influenced you the most?** *My mom and dad. They're so kind and loving—like me!* **What personal event most affected you?** *I've always lived in Hawaii, so moving to Las Vegas was a pretty big change. I miss Hawaii, but life is great here.* **Describe your best lover.** *That's easy. It's the man who's loved me for me for the past seven years. He's my soul mate.* **Greatest athletic accomplishment?** *Learning kickboxing. It's had a big impact on my life—good for your self-defense, good for your soul.* **Favorite pets?** *My two American bulldogs—Puna (female) and Koa (male)—and my ten birds. They make such happy music every day. I love it!* **Favorite car?** *A big Ford Expedition.* **Favorite book?** *The Bible.* **Favorite movie?** *The Jerk.* **Favorite TV show?** *King of Queens.* **When did you first see PLAYBOY and what did you think?** *Believe it or not, the first time I saw the magazine was when I first shot for it. I loved the way it turned out.*



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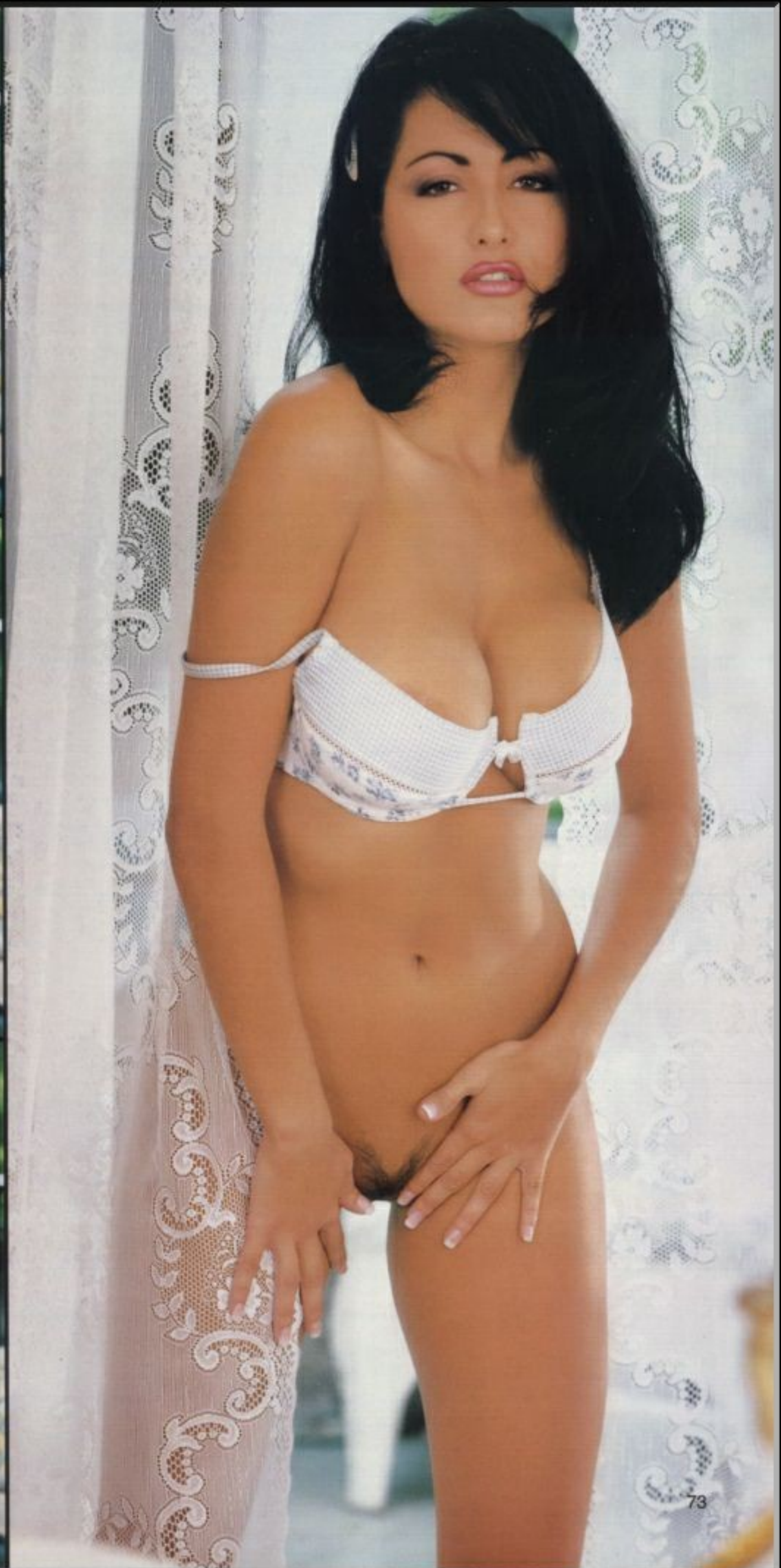




Katalina Verdin

Who has rocked the world the most? *Bill Clinton and Pam Anderson.* **What man and woman influenced you the most?** *My brother, who is my best friend. I was very nervous about posing for Playboy and he encouraged me and was so proud of me. And then my mother, who's young and gorgeous. We're very close and she's very supportive.* **What news event most affected you?** *The coverage of animals being abused and killed to make aphrodisiacs and drugs and jewelry. I'm totally against that and I want to volunteer to help put a stop to it.* **What personal event most affected you?** *Posing for Playboy. Ever since I've appeared, I've gotten great jobs, like hosting Spanish Playboy on TV.* **Best lover?** *I dated an older guy, a doctor. He was really experienced and romantic. He spoiled me in all the right ways. He'd take me shopping for sexy outfits and watch me model them, and he always bought me flowers.* **Favorite teacher?** *My driver's ed teacher in high school, because he passed me and I didn't pass the test. He was also Cindy Crawford's driver's ed teacher, which is pretty cool.* **Favorite car?** *Porsche Boxster.* **Favorite movie?** *The Blair Witch Project.* **Favorite TV show?** *Seinfeld. I still watch it all the time on reruns.* **When did you first see PLAYBOY and what did you think?** *I was pretty young and I saw my dad's collection of PLAYBOYS. He didn't hide them and he told me that that was what women were like. Looking at them that first time was overwhelming. I thought I was being so naughty.* **Web site?** *www.katalinaverdin.com*





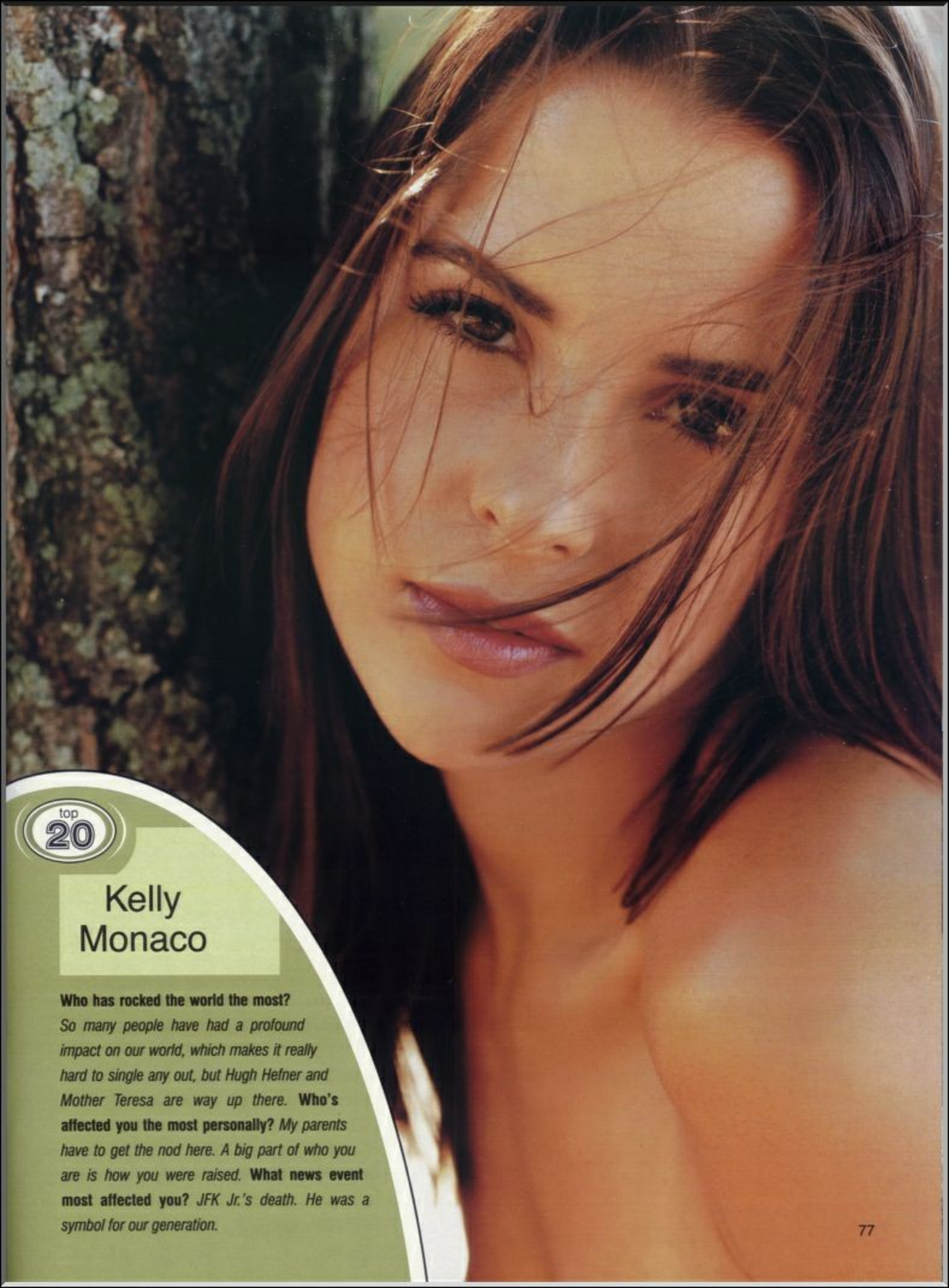












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Kelly Monaco

Who has rocked the world the most?

*So many people have had a profound impact on our world, which makes it really hard to single any out, but Hugh Hefner and Mother Teresa are way up there. **Who's affected you the most personally?** My parents have to get the nod here. A big part of who you are is how you were raised. **What news event most affected you?** JFK Jr.'s death. He was a symbol for our generation.*





Greatest athletic accomplishment? *Finishing the Hi Tech Adventure Race with the Playboy X-Treme Team—and coming in second!* **Least favorite car?** *An Oldsmobile Delta '88. It had been passed down from sister to sister for years.* **Favorite book?** *I like biographies.* **Favorite band?** *Dave Matthews.* **Favorite TV shows?** *Anything on the Discovery channel and Oprah.* **When did you first see PLAYBOY?** *I first saw it when I was little, but it didn't make a big impression then. Not until I was about 19 do I really remember seeing it. And the day afterward I sent in my pictures.*







Lisa Marie Scott

Who has rocked the world the most? *Bill Gates, Mr. Computer; and Oprah, Ms. TV.* **What man and woman influenced you the most?** *My parents. They're my best friends.* **What personal event most affected you?** *Moving from Hawaii to Southern California during the middle of junior high.* **Favorite teacher?** *My senior English teacher because she really took an interest in her students' lives and genuinely loved what she taught.* **Greatest athletic accomplishment?** *Dancing onstage at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion at the age of 17 and becoming a professional ballerina.* **Greatest personal accomplishment?** *Completing my undergraduate degree in history with honors at UCLA.* **Favorite vacation spot?** *Hawaii in winter.* **Least favorite vacation spot?** *Moscow in winter.* **Favorite pet?** *My cat, Tiger, who had an affinity for licking my earlobes.* **Least favorite pets?** *Hamsters who literally ate each other!* **Favorite book?** *A Farewell to Arms.* **Favorite movie?** *Jaws.* **Favor-ite TV show?** *Seinfeld.* **Favorite band?** *Led Zeppelin.* **When did you first see PLAYBOY and what did you think?** *I saw my first PLAYBOY when I was 10. I found it in one of my dad's drawers and I was very upset at the time. I thought it was like him cheating on my mom!* **Web site?** *www.Lisa-Marie.com*













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We want to commend you on the latest edition of *Voluptuous Vixens*. The model on the cover, Robin Arcuri, is the most amazing woman we've ever seen in your books. She's mysterious and so hot. Everyone in our frat house loves her. More, more, more of Robin Arcuri! ...J.W.

I'm a diehard NSS reader and in all your books I've never seen a woman as unique as Robin Arcuri. This woman made me fly through my house showing my brothers her picture and waiting to see if they had the same reaction. Wow is all I have to say! Tell her there are four brothers out here who would fight for her any day. ...Kyle, Kenneth, Thomas and Tony

I'm here in Germany impatiently awaiting the next BOL. But it would take a miracle to surpass your September/October issue. The highlight was Rosie Ciavolino. There was never a hotter lady. And please, please make Robin Arcuri a regular. She has a perfect body, yes, but I was most attracted by her smile. She has the Face of the Millennium. ...K.F.

A Vote for Your Convictions

Hi, my name is Stephanie. How are you guys doing? My boyfriend and I enjoy reading your magazines. There's one girl in particular, though, who catches my eye, and that's Stacey Lee Coldren. She's absolutely beautiful, but I've only seen her in *Voluptuous Vixens*. Please show more of her in other issues. She certainly deserves it. ...S.H.

Hi Stephanie, we're doing great, thanks for asking. Stacey Lee debuted in 1995's *Blondes*, and has made a half-dozen BOL and two Vol Vixens appearances since. Check our Web site for info about getting back issues. And if you'd like to express your admiration in a tangible way, you can cast a vote for her in our BOL Model of the Year 2000 contest. Just follow the directions outlined on page 96.



Blonde vixen Stacey Lee Coldren

Hitting Us Below the Belt

The breasts were great in *Voluptuous Vixens III*, but most pictures showed little if anything below the waist. (Amy Miller's full frontal is a sexy exception.) Consider losing the lingerie and doing some more revealing shots. What do you say, Playboy? How about a *Bottomless Beauties* edition? ...T.T.

Thanks for VVIII. Great topless pics, but (and I don't mean to sound unappreciative) can more of these ladies be coaxed out of their panties? ...G.M.



Sexy exception Amy Miller

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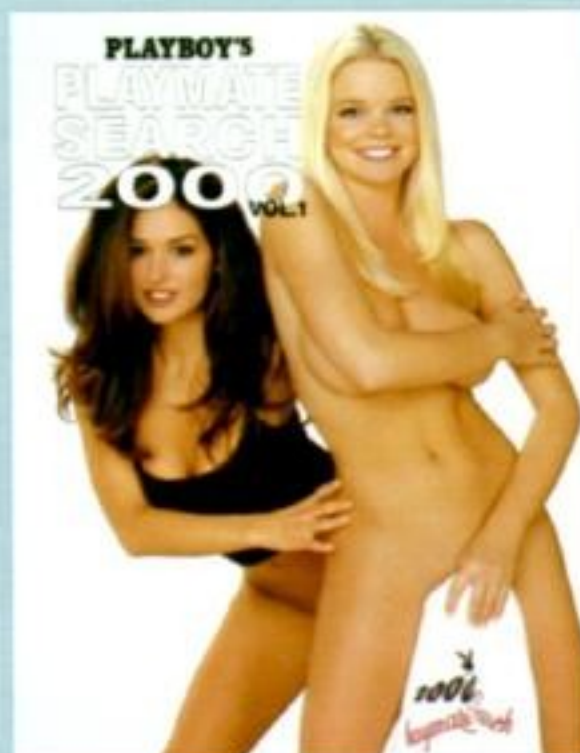
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